

Family Education Newsletter

KENTUCKY SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

SEPTEMBER 2004

DEAR PARENTS,

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Angela Wilkins, and I am the President of the KSD PTCA (Parent, Teacher, Cottage Parent Association). My son, Neal, is 6 years old and is currently in first grade at KSD. This is his fourth year at KSD and I can say that I am thankful for the school and its teachers and staff! Hopefully, I can make this a regular contribution to the Family Newsletter, to keep you all informed of what is going on with PTCA.

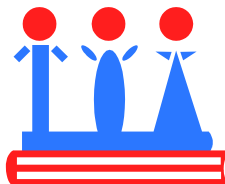
Pancake and Sausage Day is back at KSD this year! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 24th. We are working on it now, and everyone that wants to volunteer is more than welcome. A couple of ways you can help out if you aren't close to Danville are:

1. Get a door prize donated by a local business in your area. You can send the item to Pat Bruce at KSD through your child. Make sure you include the business's name, address, and phone number so we can send them a tax receipt.
2. Tickets for Pancake and Sausage Day will be coming home on Fall Break. Please help us sell them. You do not need to be present to win one of the drawing prizes that will be given away that day.

On Thursday, August 26th, Barb Kibler and Wilton McMillan from the Kentucky Department of Education came to the PTCA meeting. After talking with them and reviewing the 5-year plan for KSD, I truly believe that we are moving in the right direction. Please take time to look at the timetable summary. It is very informative. If you don't still have your copy, please contact me using one of the means below. I will make sure you get a copy.

We are planning a Family Leadership Conference for later this Fall, hopefully in early November. Details to follow.

Remember, we are our children's best advocates! If you ever have a question that needs to be answered, feel free to contact the staff at KSD, or, if you want to remain anonymous, contact me and I'll find out for you. Also, in today's world of media, sometimes it seems that KSD gets a bad image painted of it. Use your local newspapers. Write letters to the editor, but remember, you catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. Tell the positives. Tell what KSD has done for you and your family. Tell how a teacher or a staff member has made a positive impact. It has been requested that KDE do a press release telling about the positive things that are happening at KSD and where we are going in the future (which, in case you've heard any rumors, is



Supporting our children through home-school communication.

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that KSD will remain a model K-12 school for residential and day students.)

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 9th, at 6:30 in the Walker Hall cafeteria. We will be working on Pancake and Sausage Day plans. Be looking for announcements about this and other upcoming PTCA meetings. If you have any questions, etc. please let me know!

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### DeaFestival is HERE...

#### Don't miss it!!!

The Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, together with the Knowledge Center on Deafness, invite you to attend the 6<sup>th</sup> DeaFestival-Kentucky. DeaFestival is a cultural festival which celebrates the arts and performances of deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

**Sunday, September 5 - Louisville - 10:00-6:00**

If you have never attended a DeaFestival in past years, this is a wonderful, FUN day to spend with your child who is deaf or hard of hearing. You will learn more about technology, assistive devices, resources, storytelling, and much, much more! They have hands-on activities for the children, arts and crafts booth, food... it's a GREAT experience! You can stay for an hour or you can stay for the day. Everything will be happening in downtown Louisville at the Kentucky Center and along the river. There is no admission charge and parking is nearby. Call 1-800-372-2907 or go to [www.deafestival.org](http://www.deafestival.org) for more information and driving directions.

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KSD PTCA FUNDRAISER

The KSD PTCA is selling candles again this year. Janet Reid is the new Coordinator of Candle Sales. Each student has been given a candle sales packet. Please look over the options and encourage your child to sell as many as possible. Last year, the PTCA made a \$1400. profit with this fundraiser. The money has been used to support literacy projects, the purchase of digital cameras, the Family Learning Vacation as well as graduation awards. The more candles we sell, the more we have to help our children's school and dorm activities.

The candle sales packets have all of the information about ordering, prizes, and delivery. Families and teachers in the regional programs can order candles by contacting either Janet Reid at 606-365-5028 (v/tty) or Pat Bruce at 859-239-7017 (tty) or pbruce@ksd.k12.ky.us. You can also call the Home Interiors representative who is helping with this fundraiser, Shirley Long, at 859-792-2720 (voice).

Buy several to use as Christmas gifts!





CHANGES... CHANGES... CHANGES...

In order to carry-out the new Implementation Plan for KSD, the Kentucky Department of Education has recently announced several staff changes. Some of these changes will take place over the next few months as people are learning new roles and details are "ironed-out". Both KSD staff and KDE staff want families to stay involved and in contact with the happenings here on campus. The more you communicate with us, the better support you will be for your child's learning. If you cannot find the right person to answer your question, you can always call Fran Hardin or Bill Melton. Ask the KSD Switchboard Operator to give you the current telephone extension number.



TOM KEARNS will take over as Due Process Officer. He replaces Ruth Sigler. Mr. Kearns will work with you to set up your child's ARC meetings, enroll new students, and make sure each child's IEP is fully implemented, including any specified special services.

RUTH SIGLER will set up some new programs. One will focus on providing short courses to students around the state. Students enrolled in the public schools can come to campus for special courses and then return home with new skills, concepts, and resources. Ruth will also be working to implement appropriate services to children who have cochlear implants.

FRAN HARDIN will move to become the Director of Outreach. She will be working with KSD staff in the regional programs and help see that "services closer to home" are expanded and improved.

BILL MELTON will move to become the Interim Principal. He will oversee the Instructional and Student Life programs for Primary, Elementary, Middle, and High School.

WILTON McMILLAN will be on campus 2-3 days each week. Part of his duties will be to help expand services to families across the state, regardless of where the child goes to school and/or how the family has chosen to communicate. He will work with Pat Bruce and Cathy Howle to plan the new Statewide Family Educational Support Center.

Several other KSD staff will be changing their roles and responsibilities as the new Implementation Plan proceeds. We value your opinions. Please let us know how things are going.

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## AROUND THE STATE...

### Bowling Green

- Community Sign continues at Greenwood Mall Food Court... join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays, each month, from 5:30-7:00
- ASL Classes are available at Greenwood High School. Call 270-782-3162 or 783-4484 for information on costs and schedules.

### West Ky Silent Dinner - Reidland

- Signers of all ages are invited to join us and bring a friend. We'll meet on September 28, from 6:00-8:00 pm. at the Southern Pride Restaurant (7052 Benton Rd.) Call 898-6315.

### Caveland Area

- The Caveland Coop has a Parent Network Support Group. Go to their website for more info: [www.grecc.coop.k12.ky.us/caveland.htm](http://www.grecc.coop.k12.ky.us/caveland.htm)

### Region 2

- ❖ Andy Hensley is available to consult with parents; help with ARC meetings and consult with schools. Call him at 270-339-8376 if you have questions.

### Elizabethtown

- ✓ Community Sign will be on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from 5:30-7:00 at Cici's Pizza on Dixie Highway.

### Louisville

The Heuser Hearing Institute will have their WALK to HEAR fund-raiser on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Louisville Zoo. There is FREE admission to the zoo for each registered walker who raises \$25. or more. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Walk from 9:00-11:00. Awards at 11:00. Call 502-515-3320 for entry forms and info.



### SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, Sept. 6 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day  
Thursday, Sept. 9 - PTCA Meeting (see insert)  
September 19-25 - National Deaf Awareness Week  
Monday, Sept. 20 - Community & Family Sign Classes, 6:30  
Saturday, Sept. 25 - KSD Fall Homecoming and Parents Day  
Thursday, Sept. 30 - Homegoing, 1:00  
Friday, Oct. 1 - NO SCHOOL

#### Girls Volleyball

Sept. 1 - 4:30 Home  
Sept. 2 - 6:00 St. Rita's  
Sept. 7 - 5:00 Home  
Sept. 9 - 5:00 Home  
Sept. 10-11 - Mid-Am. Classic  
Sept. 13 - 5:00 Home  
Sept. 20 - 6:00 Garrard Co.  
Sept. 23 - 5:00 Casey Co.  
Sept. 25 - 3:00 Homecoming  
Sept. 28 - 5:30 Home  
Sept. 29 - 4:30 Home

#### Boys Soccer

Sept. 2 - 6:00 St. Rita's  
Sept. 7 - 6:00 Home  
Sept. 10-11 - Mid-American Classic  
Sept. 14 - 6:00 Berea  
Sept. 16 - 6:00 Home  
Sept. 21 - 5:30 Home  
Sept. 23 - 6:00 Home  
Sept. 25 - 1:00 Homecoming  
Sept. 28 - 5:00 Taylor Co.

#### Walker Hall Soccer

Sept. 21 - 5:30 Millennium Park  
Sept. 28 - 7:00 Millennium Park

### FAMILY EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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# ***Sign Classes for Families***

Kentucky School for the Deaf

with the KSD PTCA

invite you to join one of their Fall ASL classes...

## ***MONDAY Nights***

6:30-8:30

Sept. 20 - Nov. 15, 2004

Walker Hall Lobby

Childcare provided

## ***FRIDAY Mornings***

9:00-10:00

Every Friday

Walker Hall Library

NO Childcare

There is no registration fee (for family members) for any of the sign classes.  
Family members are also welcome to join any of the Monday night Community  
Sign Classes in Kerr Hall at no charge.

# PARENT MEETING

The KSD PTCA will meet on

Thursday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm

Walker Hall cafeteria

Parents and Alumni will discuss plans for the  
Pancake-Sausage Day

Childcare provided